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He said that given the current economic situation, it is not possible to spend more to support the legislative branch when the government has insufficient funds to meet its commitments. He said it is feared that the PRI might lose its majority position by granting concessions to its enemies. He also noted that although differences exist within the PRI, it is possible to disagree. He then said that the CTM will try to bring about the necessary reforms so the PRI can consolidate its role as a spokesman for the revolution and its position as the majority party.

Velasquez states in the CTM document that it is essential to perfect our constitutional separation of powers, to strengthen the legislative branch since a vigorous executive branch is completely compatible with a legislative branch that fully carries out its functions.

The CTM wants the Federal District to remain the seat of the government, as the citizens who live in the capital of the republic have at their disposal the instruments required to express their actions and viewpoints. The Consultative Council should become a body for consultation and be given greater responsibilities, its members should be elected directly by the citizens, and they should be empowered to propose bills and regulations for the best administration of the Federal District.

BRIEFS

DRUG TRAFFICKERS ARRESTED -- Interpol agents have arrested two local municipal police agents who were involved in cocaine trafficking and offered protection to well-known traffickers in Culiacan. Alfredo Feliz Chaidez and Eduardo Lopez Nunez were arrested while carrying the drugs and three automatic machineguns, which were confiscated along with a 1985 Bronco station wagon and a new Volkswagen; the vehicles had been reported stolen. [Summary] [Mexico City EL UNIVERSAL in Spanish 28 Jul 86 p 1-B PA]

MARIJUANA PLANTATIONS DESTROYED -- Mexican Army soldiers of the 16th Military Zone on 27 July destroyed a marijuana plantation in Querecuaro, Guanajuato, and arrested seven people involved in drug trafficking. The soldiers destroyed 1.5 hectares planted with marijuana in Guanajuato, while the police reported it had destroyed 11 marijuana plantations in El Mermejo, Xalisco. [Summary] [Mexico City EL NACIONAL in Spanish 28 Jul 86 p 7 PA]

DRUG CAMPAIGN SUMMARIZED -- National Defense Secretary Juan Arevalo Gardoqui has reported that during the present administration, the Mexican Army has destroyed more than 407,000 plantations of poppy seed and marijuana located on 47,795 hectares of the national territory. He added that in the actions of the permanent campaign against drug traffic, 14,200 have been arrested and 142 clandestine airstrips have been destroyed. In this effort of the Mexican Government 25,000 soldiers and 1,225 officers participated in the operations. The Mexican Army has suffered 381 casualties. [Summary] [Mexico City EL NACIONAL in Spanish 30 Jul 86 p 3 PA]